were taken up to make the road in traffic worthy condition. These steps are in addition to the routine maintenance and periodic renewal works taken up for maintenance of National Highways.

Amritsar-Attari Road

255. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING , ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently instructed the Punjab Government to take up the four-laning of Amritsar-Attari road on a priority basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the financial assistance provided by the Central Government to Punjab in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Completion of Golden Quadrilateral Project

†256. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Golden Quadrilateral Project in the country would now cost 35,000 crores of rupees if completed by June, 2006 instead of the earlier estimate of 30,300 crores rupees;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard;

(c) the anticipated time overrun in the completion of the said project; and

(d) the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.